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For: State and County Offices, Except AK, HI, and PR, and CMA's and LSA's

Eliminate ".386", ".486", ".487", ".586", and ".686" When Assigning a Standard File Name to the CMA Transmission Input File

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1 Overview

A
Background

Each week CMA's and LSA's prepare and name formatted files for transmission to the Kansas City Web Room. Those submission input files are moved from the Web Room to the Automated CMA Process where individual producer records are processed using data base tables to determine producer:

- eligibility data
- payment limitations.

According to 1-CMA, paragraph 179, submission files shall be named with a standard file name in this format, "KCXXXBBS.000", where:

- XXX equals CMA letter code assigned by the Web Room

- beginning with .001, the next consecutive sequential number is assigned each week.

In the computer industry, some classes of personal computers (PC's) were assigned numerical values. When those numbers were used as a sequential number in the submission file name, the system was unable to read the data in the file.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2003	State Offices, except AK, HI, and PR; State Offices relay to County Offices and **FAX** to CMA's and LSA's

1   Overview (Continued)

**B
Purpose**

This notice provides important information about eliminating the numbers:

- ".386" (a number assigned to pre-Pentium PC's)
- ".486" and ".487" (numbers assigned to a later version of pre-Pentium PC's)
- ".586" (number assigned to Pentium III PC's)
- ".686" (number assigned to Pentium 4 PC's).

2   Action

**A
CMA/LSA
Action**

Do **not** assign the numbers in subparagraph 1 B when assigning numerical values in the file naming sequence on CMA/LSA submission files transmitted to the Web Room. The use of those numbers may cause data not to be processed and the input data from your CMA will have to be re-submitted. This will cause at least a 1-week delay in your Automated CMA Process downloads.

Example: After submitting file "KCXXBBS.485," the next submission file will be labeled "KCXXXBBS.488."